



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



July 31, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter J. Clem, YA, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence
Msgr. Michael Morgan, Assisting
Rev. Robert Monagle, USAF, Assisting

310 South Royal Street + Alexandria, VA 22314 + 703.836.4100 + www.stmaryoldtown.org + admin@stmaryoldtown.org

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Check our website for information on which
Masses are currently being live streamed

SUNDAY

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

MONDAY through FRIDAY

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

(There will be no Traditional Latin Mass in July)

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS and HOLY DAYS

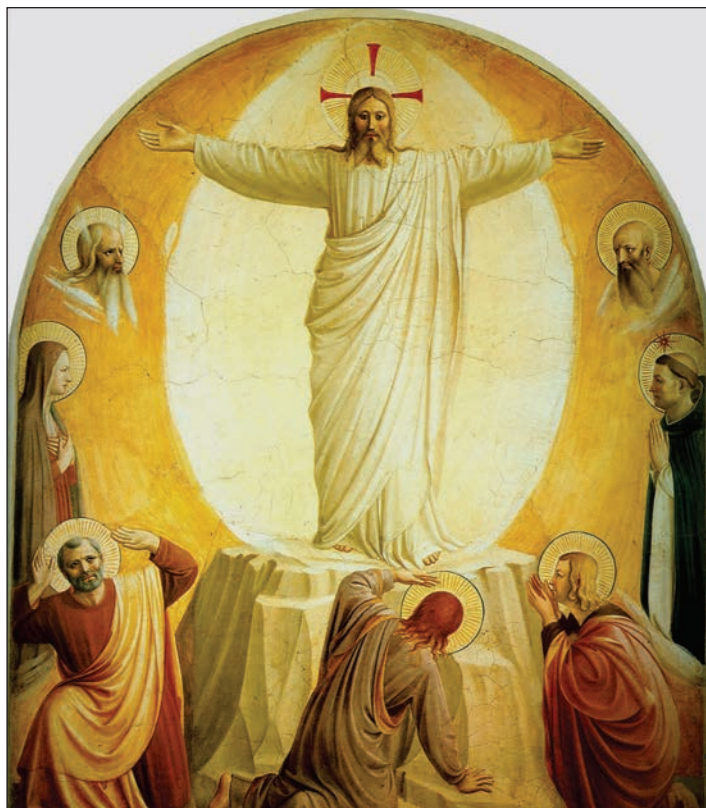
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MONDAY through FRIDAY After 12:10 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.



BASILICA HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS (313 Duke Street)

MONDAY through FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rosary Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass
and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction

Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 8:20 a.m.

Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to register
in advance and obtain requirements for godparents, etc.

MARRIAGES

Contact Parish Priest a minimum of six months before possible
wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together
will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

(Pre-K to 8th grade)

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Robert Loia, Principal

703.549.1646 www.smsva.org stmaryoffice@smsva.org

COVER IMAGE: *The Transfiguration of Christ*
by Fra Angelico (1395-1455)

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

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Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Marietta Bernot	svdp@stmaryoldtown.org
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
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**To learn more about our parish apostolates,
please visit
www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate.**



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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

WELCOME TO OUR NEW K of C OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council #459 officers, installed on **Saturday, July 30**: Grand Knight Kenneth Hyatt, Deputy Grand Knight Christopher Zettler, Chancellor Ryan Moy, Lecturer Thomas Bradly, Advocate Timothy Burns, Recorder Keenan Pallone, Financial Secretary Michael Karau, Treasurer Zachary Waters, Warden Colin Delgado, Inside Guard Jason Rockett, Outside Guard Jarrett Lee, Trustee Charles Zakrzwski, Trustee Charles Coates and Trustee Steven Teslik. It is my pleasure and honor to continue to serve as Chaplain for our Council.

My thanks, also, to outgoing Grand Knight Chuck Zakrzwski and his team of officers for all they accomplished for our parish and community this past year. I look forward to more great things from our Knights in the months to come! To join the Knights of Columbus, contact Kenneth Hyatt at gk@knights459.com.

**DEDICATION OF SAINT MARY MAJOR
& THE MIRACLE OF THE SNOW – August 5**

In celebration of a 4th-century Marian miracle, known as the “Miracle of the Snow,” it has been customary for white rose petals to be dropped from the ceiling of the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, or Saint Mary Major, in Rome on **August 5**. That feast day marks the basilica’s dedication.

According to legend, during the night of August 4/5 in 358 AD (some sources say it was 352 AD), the wealthy Roman patrician Giovanni had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She instructed him to build a basilica dedicated to her where he would find miraculous snow the following day. In the morning, Giovanni spoke to Pope Liberius, who said he had the same vision. They discovered the snow – during the heat of the Roman summer – on the Esquiline Hill. The pope is said to have traced the perimeter of the church on the snow-whitened ground. The basilica was eventually built, financed by the wealthy Giovanni and his wife.



*Detail from the altarpiece of
Santa Maria Maggiore in
Rome by Masolino da
Panicale, c. 1428/29*

Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Alexandria, we will again honor the feast day with silk petals falling from the church ceiling at the conclusion of our 12:10 p.m. Mass on Friday, August 5. I hope you can attend – it’s a marvelously ethereal event! The Mass also will be livestreamed.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – August 6

Telling His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ went up Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John. “He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun and His garments became white as snow” (Matthew 17:2).

The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in His divine promise of eternal life.

Collect Prayer for August 6

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to Your servants, that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with Him. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 31

- 7 a.m. — Janet Marmura †
8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
10 a.m. — Special Intention: Mollie and Elias Naegele
11:30 a.m. — Andrew James †
1 p.m. — Anthony Trapasso †
5 p.m. — Charles Biegun †

Monday, August 1

- 6:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory
8 a.m. — Genevieve Pinckney O'Connor †
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Plasky Family

Tuesday, August 2

- 6:30 a.m. — Tom Hartwell †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: The President
and All Elected Officials
12:10 p.m. — Mary Charteris †

Wednesday, August 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Steven Whittington †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Persecuted Christians Worldwide
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

Thursday, August 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Dimitrios and Maggie Lynch †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Betty and Mike McAndrews
12:10 p.m. — Tommy Lacey Jr.

Friday, August 5

- 6:30 a.m. — Catherine Cowardin †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Phyllis Sedgley
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

Saturday, August 6

- 8:30 a.m. — Charles Mullen †
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Paul Rollins †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 31

Ecc1 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday, August 1

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 110:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 14:22-36
or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 3

Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31: 10-12b, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 4

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 5

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7, (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Madeline Grace Donohue and Lainey Alexandra Prieto

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jon Bunting, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, Maryna Kapovska, Bobbi Lungren, Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Cathy Quinn, Joanne Ritter, Kate Schroeck, Alexander Staron and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Robert Marshall and Deacon Gerald Schwalb

PRAY FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

Alex Deerr, Sara McAlpin, Vincent P. Pensyl, David Alejandro Sandoval, Josh Villeneuve and all those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and emergency first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

July 31 — Rev. Christopher F. Tipton
August 1 — Rev. Joseph B. Townsend
August 2 — Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran
August 3 — Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Retired)
August 4 — Rev. John T. B. Trong (Retired)
August 5 — Rev. James A. Tucker
August 6 — Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

Contact Father Michael Isenberg at
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org
or 703.841.2514.

Names of the ill are listed for 4 weeks. Names of those actively serving in harm's way (generally means deployed overseas) are listed for 4 months. Reinstate or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST



Small Businesses. We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Calendar This Week

August 1. Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Lawyer; founded (1732) the Redemptorists. Stressed Christ's love and Mary's intercession. Bishop of Saint' Agata dei Goti; master of moral theology. Patron of confessors and moral theologians.

August 2. Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop. Founder of the canons regular in the West, uniting clerical and monastic life; tortured and exiled to Palestine by Constantine. Died in 371. **Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.** Founded (1856) Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to the Eucharist as center of the life of the Church and society. Died in 1868.

August 4. Saint John Vianney, Priest. "Cure of Ars," patron of parish priests. As a seminarian, he struggled with school, especially Latin. At his 1815 ordination, the vicar general said, "The Church wants not only learned priests but, even more, holy ones." Died August 4, 1859; canonized May 31, 1925.

August 5. Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Oldest basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God; dedicated in Rome by Pope Sixtus after declaration of Mary as *Theotokos* ("God-bearer") by the Council of Ephesus in 431.

August 6. The Transfiguration of the Lord. Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man received kingship and dominion and will come again in glory. Celebrated since the 5th century, officially included in the general Church calendar in 1457.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica's Nocturnal Adoration the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday and ending at 8:20 a.m. on Saturday. **Additional adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will be **August 5**. Vocal prayers during adoration follow the recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up for an hour or more of adoration, or for additional information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY!

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady's Army, makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, they perform two hours of apostolic work each week. Our Basilica of Saint Mary Legion group meets every **Tuesday** (new day of the week!) at 7 p.m. in the Lyceum Conference Room at 313 Duke Street. If you are interested in joining the Legion or have any questions, please contact Adria Tayrani at avillar@hotmail.com or call 571.310.4016.



Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

In preparation for its 50th anniversary, our Arlington Diocese is marking this year with the theme: "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words during the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." An article in the *Arlington Catholic Herald* (June 30-July 13, 2022), "The Eucharist Explained," explores various aspects of Holy Communion, incorporating information from Matthew Tsakanikas, a theology professor at Christendom College. Following is an excerpt from that article:

Q: What is transubstantiation?

A: In the 1500s, the Council of Trent declared, "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly His body that He was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the Body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His Blood. This change the Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." Centuries before, in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council had affirmed this teaching.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Register today for fall 2022!



Do your children attend public school or a non-Catholic private school and you want them to learn their Catholic faith? CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) at the Basilica of Saint Mary is ready to help!

WHO: Children in K-Grade 8

WHEN: Sundays from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

beginning September 11

WHERE: The Basilica School of Saint Mary, 400 Green Street, Alexandria

We partner with parents to provide faith formation to their children, helping them know the Catholic faith, prepare for the Sacraments and live a life in Christ as His disciples. *For families wishing to home-school their children, a self-directed learning option with accountability is available.*

For more info, see www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd, email hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.



TRAINING FOR ALTAR BOYS

Session I

September 13 at 3 p.m.

September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Session II

September 20 at 3 p.m.

September 24 at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions in the Basilica

New servers must attend both parts of one of the two sessions.

The training also is open to any current server who may want a refresher course.

For more information and to sign up, email Father Joseph at frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org.

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/yaya>

   @stmarysyaya



The Basilica of Saint Mary's
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES
Encounter. Focus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.

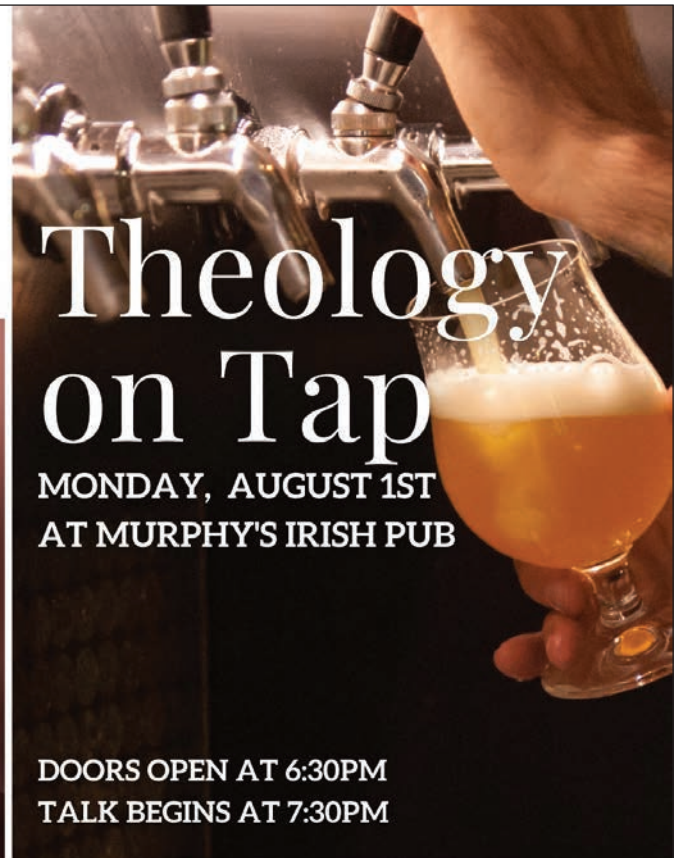
Serving our parish community's middle schoolers,
high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

*The Regina
Caeli Ball*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
WITH DRINKS, HOR D'OUVRES,
AND LIVE MUSIC!

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW AT
[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/REGINA-CAELI-BALL](https://stmaryoldtown.org/regina-caeli-ball)

Young Adults in their 20s & 30s throughout Alexandria are invited to our weekly gatherings and activities.



Theology on Tap

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
TALK BEGINS AT 7:30PM

Mariane Staron, Director of the Youth & Young Adult Apostolates
mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Brenda is a young lady who shares an apartment with her disabled sister. She was doing fine until she and others were laid off in February. She has been struggling ever since, working part-time at Target while taking courses toward a certificate as an IT technician. She fell two months behind in her rent but expects to receive the IT certificate soon and already has three job interviews lined up. She called us because she had just received a Pay-or-Quit Notice from her landlord. Her anxiety and fear were palpable as she tried to put on a brave face so her sister would not feel the same. We said we would stick with her, including paying for her certificate and any other training from our Sustainment Fund. Through your generous donations, this Fund helps young neighbors like Brenda reach self-sufficiency and peace of mind. Please consider contributing to the Fund by writing a check to SVdP, noting "Sustainment Fund" on the memo line. Drop it in the Poor Box or at the Parish Office. Your donation will be life-changing for those with clear plans and determination, but not the financial means to reach their goals. Brenda thanks you and will keep you in her thoughts and prayers with enormous gratitude.

We are looking for bilingual, native Spanish speakers. You can volunteer as little as one day a week, responding to Spanish speakers who call our helpline seeking assistance. Your task is to collect information for our regular volunteers on duty to handle. Calls can be made in the evening or on the weekend. Your work can be life-changing. If you are interested, please email diliasvdp@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 3

Registration is OPEN!

Sundays, September 11 - October 30

REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs

to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Sign up for our email list at

www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup.

If you have questions or want to connect, email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY TODAY! JULY 31



Join the Knights of Columbus Council #459 and the Rosary Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary for our regular Fifth Sunday Rosary in the Basilica, following the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:05 p.m.)
TODAY, Sunday, July 31.

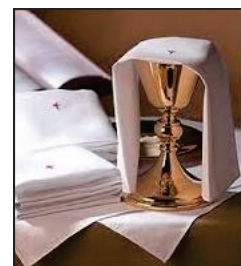
We will pray Evening Prayers (Vespers) and recite the Glorious Mysteries, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an increase in vocations and the defense of life.

The rosary also will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/725020942>.

For more information, contact Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Looking to take that first step to volunteer for our parish? Consider serving with the Sanctuary Society! It's easy, done at your own home and at your own speed. Most importantly, volunteering for the Sanctuary Society is a labor of love and a blessing for each member. Once every seven weeks or so, in their own home, a volunteer hand-lauders the linens used in the sanctuary during Mass. (We'll show you how and teach you the name and purpose of each item.) Then, the volunteer returns the linens to the sacristy. We would love to have you join us...give us a call and let's get started! Please contact Stephanie Giorlando at 703.765.2951.



HUNGRY CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

Summertime means more leisure activities for kids, but also less food security for many. Catholic Charities Saint Lucy Food Project needs shelf-stable milk, individual fruit cups, microwavable Chef Boyardee meals, and Macaroni & Cheese. Help by donating these items to its pantry location at Christ House (131 South West Street in Alexandria). Please visit www.ccca.net or email Lori.Sikra@ccca.net with questions or to obtain information on drop-off hours.



AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



Throughout the month of August...

Our local Safeway, at 500 S. Royal Street, has selected The Basilica School of Saint Mary as their designated charity to highlight for the month of August.

You'll be able to make a contribution at the register just before you select your payment method.

My Grocery List...

Say Yes! when prompted at the register to support The Basilica School of Saint Mary.



2022 MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

The Arlington Diocese 2022 Mass for Jubilarians will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, October 16**, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, congratulations! Please contact the Basilica of Saint Mary parish office (703.836.4100) if you would like to register to participate in the Mass no later than **Monday, October 3**.



The Arlington Catholic Herald

OUR BASILICA IN THE NEWS!

The Basilica of Saint Mary is featured in a recent issue of the Diocesan newspaper, the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, in its parish spotlight section.

Read it at:

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/the-basilica-of-saint-mary-featured-in-the-arlington-catholic-herald/>

All Are Invited to the Basilica Courtyard for an Ice Cream Social As Part of National Night Out 2022



Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022
6-8 p.m.
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Classes meet Monday nights, August 29, 2022, through May 1, 2023. Resource books are provided.

Open House/First Meeting will be on Monday, August 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, second floor.

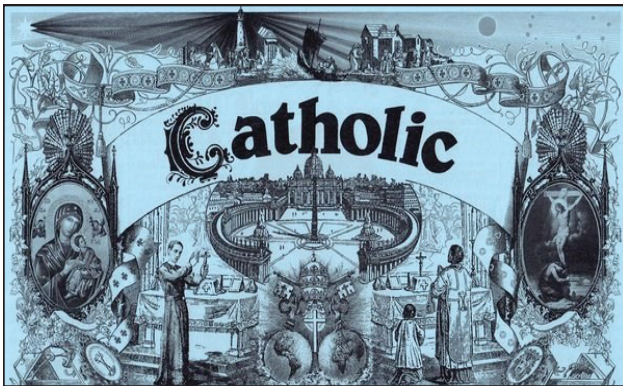
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

A periodic look at the history of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish since its founding in 1795



DEFENDING THE FAITH



Subtle hints of antipathy between Alexandria's Catholics and non-Catholics in the 19th century can be found in old parish records. For example, several baptisms recorded by Father John Aiken (pastor, 1845-1850) are of infants or children in danger of death, secretly baptized because their parents were Protestant.

The following entry, made October 25, 1851, by Father Joseph Bixio, S.J., shows that an elderly woman was abandoned by her family when she converted: *Ann Pomeroy, baptized on the 23rd on her death bed, near 70 years old. Buried to-day. The connections are all Protestants. The Catholics gave everything for, and I paid all the expenses of the funeral.*

Defensive pride in their faith can be seen in the wills or deathbed testimonials of many 19th-century parishioners. The following poignant entry by Father Aiken is a good example: *April 26, 1847. Margaret Burns, eldest daughter of Thomas Burns. Age about 13 years old, died in the most edifying manner and was buried in St. Mary's Burial Ground. She said to one of her companions, "I would not give up my religion if a thousand guns were pointed at me."*

Prominent Alexandria attorney George W. Brent felt the necessity to formally state in his will (dated January 1872): *I die in faith of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. My children have been baptized in that faith. I desire to be buried in the Catholic church yard.....*

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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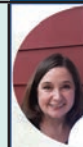
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